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The rule of law at the national and international levels

Letter dated 22 November 2012 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

In accordance with instructions received from the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan, I have the honour to draw your attention to the ongoing violations of the ceasefire by the armed forces of the Republic of Armenia recorded for September and October 2012 (see annex). According to the annexed information, during the reporting period, the armed forces of Armenia continued intensive fire from their positions in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan and from the territory of Armenia.

The aforementioned period was also marked by a series of large-scale military exercises conducted by the armed forces of Armenia, both in Armenia and in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan. During those exercises, recently acquired sophisticated weapons, including ballistic missiles, were used by the armed forces of Armenia. Moreover, according to the Head of the Operational Department at the General Staff of the Republic of Armenia's Armed Forces, Major-General Artak Davtian, the armed forces of Armenia simulated missile attacks on military targets as well as on oil and gas installations in Azerbaijan and in other countries of the region. Such activities have once again demonstrated the serious threat to peace, security and stability in the region of the South Caucasus posed by Armenia's militaristic policy.

I would also like to draw your attention to the fact that, during the reporting period, President and Commander-in-Chief Serzh Sargsyan of Armenia and that

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country's other high-ranking political and military officials visited the occupied territories of Azerbaijan to observe military exercises there. Serzh Sargsyan's appearance before the occupation troops in military uniform, decorating personally the servicemen who participated in the exercises, and his presence at the opening ceremony of new military barracks and at a meeting with military staff represent further factual evidence exploding the myth that Armenia has nothing to do with the aggression against Azerbaijan and the occupation of its territories.

Thus, in his speech before the occupation troops, full of the usual stereotypic concoctions so characteristic of the Armenian leadership, the President and Commander-in-Chief of Armenia noted that what the Armenian troops had demonstrated that day had filled his heart and soul with pride and delight. He further said that "just as yesterday and today, tomorrow, too, you will have the most contemporary combat weaponry" (see the President of Armenia's official website, http://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2012/10/23/President-Serzh-Sargsyan-working-visit-Artsakh-military-exercises). In other words, while Armenia's other official sources, including that country's Permanent Mission to the United Nations, continue their tireless efforts to prevent any mention of their country in international documents even as a party to the conflict, the President and Commander-in-Chief of Armenia has once again unambiguously confirmed that his armed forces are present in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan, that they conduct military exercises in those territories, and that Armenia continues to deploy, beyond international control, a great number of armaments and ammunitions there.

The Republic of Azerbaijan expresses its strong protest against the provocative actions of the Armenian leadership, which are aimed at challenging the ongoing conflict settlement process and provoking the destabilization of the situation. We consider the aggressor's impertinent behaviour as a direct consequence of the impunity it is still enjoying despite apparent gross violations of international law and atrocious crimes for which Armenia bears responsibility. Her political and military leadership, including in the first place the current and previous Presidents, military officials and commanders, as well as the members of the puppet separatist regime established by Armenia in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan, must be held accountable and brought to justice. The more the leadership of Armenia throws aside all restraint, the narrower the prospects become for the soonest achievement of a lasting and durable peace in the region. We call upon all peace-loving countries to raise their voices in condemnation of Armenia's continuing aggression against Azerbaijan and her odious policy of hatred and confrontation.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 34, 39, 67 and 83, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Agshin **Mehdiyev**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex to the letter dated 22 November 2012 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Violation of the ceasefire by the armed forces of the Republic of Armenia* for September and October 2012

No.	*Date*	*Time*	*Fire point area*	*Direction*	*Weapons used*	*Casualties and damages*
1	2-3 September	At different times	Occupied areas near Kuropatkino village (Khojavand district, Azerbaijan), Tapgaragoyunlu village (Goranboy district, Azerbaijan), Bash Garvand and Garagashly villages (Aghdam district, Azerbaijan)	Adjacent areas	Firearm and machine gun	–
2	3-4 September	At different times	Occupied areas near Merzili, Yusifjanly, Novruzlu and Shykhlar villages (Aghdam district, Azerbaijan) and unnamed heights (Khojavand district, Azerbaijan)	Adjacent areas	Firearm and machine gun	–
3	4-5 September	At different times	Occupied areas near Merzili, Yusifjanly, Novruzlu, Shirvanly and Shykhlar villages (Aghdam district, Azerbaijan), Kuropatkino village (Khojavand district, Azerbaijan), Tapgaragoyunlu village (Goranboy district, Azerbaijan), Gorgan village and unnamed heights (Fizuli district, Azerbaijan)	Adjacent areas	Firearm and machine gun	–
4	5-6 September	At different times	Unnamed heights (Berd district, Armenia), occupied areas near Horadiz village and unnamed heights (Fizuli district, Azerbaijan), Merzili, Javahirli and Shykhlar villages (Aghdam district, Azerbaijan), Tapgaragoyunlu village and unnamed heights (Goranboy) and Khojavand districts, Azerbaijan)	Adjacent areas	Firearm and machine gun	–
5	6-7 September	At different times	Voskevan and Berdavan villages (Noyemberyan district, Armenia), Azatamut and Berkaber villages, (Ijevan district, Armenia), occupied areas near Shurabad and Yusifjanly villages (Aghdam district, Azerbaijan), Tapgaragoyunlu village (Goranboy district, Azerbaijan), Ashaghy Seyidahmedli and Garakhanbeyli villages (Fizuli district, Azerbaijan) and unnamed heights (Khojavand and Goranboy districts, Azerbaijan)	Adjacent areas	Firearm and machine gun	–

* Settlements of the Republic of Azerbaijan included in this information are under occupation by the Republic of Armenia or situated close to the fire point areas.

No.	Date	Time	Fire point area	Direction	Weapons used	Casualties and damages
6	7-8 September	At different times	Occupied areas near Yusifjanly and Shirvanly villages (Aghdam district, Azerbaijan), Tapgaragoyunlu village (Goranboy district, Azerbaijan), Gorgan village (Fizuli district, Azerbaijan), Kuropatkino village (Khojavand district, Azerbaijan) and unnamed heights (Fizuli, Khojavand and Goranboy districts, Azerbaijan)	Adjacent areas	Firearm and machine gun	–
7	9-10 September	At different times	Shavarshavan village (Noyemberyan district, Armenia), occupied areas near Kuropatkino village (Khojavand district, Azerbaijan), Shykhlar and Mezrzili villages (Aghdam district, Azerbaijan) and unnamed heights (Geranboy and Fizuli districts, Azerbaijan)	Adjacent areas	Firearm and machine gun	–
8	10-11 September	At different times	Unnamed heights (Krasnoselsk and Berd districts, Armenia), the area near Voskevan village (Noyemberyan district, Armenia), occupied areas near Ashaghy Seyidahmedli village (Fizuli district, Azerbaijan), Yusifjanly village (Aghdam district, Azerbaijan), Kuropatkino village (Khojavand district, Azerbaijan), Chilyabert village (Tar-Tar district, Azerbaijan) and Tapgaragoyunlu village (Goranboy district, Azerbaijan)	Adjacent areas	Firearm and machine gun	–
9	11-12 September	At different times	Occupied areas near Kuropatkino village (Khojavand district, Azerbaijan), Chilyabert village (Tar-Tar district, Azerbaijan), Ashaghy Seyidahmedli and Horadiz villages and unnamed heights (Fizuli district, Azerbaijan)	Adjacent areas	Firearm and machine gun	–
10	12-13 September	At different times	Occupied areas near Kuropatkino village (Khojavand district, Azerbaijan), Ashaghy Seyidahmedli village (Fizuli district, Azerbaijan), Shykhlar and Yusifjanly villages (Aghdam district, Azerbaijan) and unnamed heights (Goranboy district, Azerbaijan)	Adjacent areas	Firearm and machine gun	–
11	13-14 September	At different times	Occupied areas near Bash Garvand village (Aghdam district, Azerbaijan), Ashaghy Seyidahmedli and Horadiz villages and unnamed heights (Fizuli district, Azerbaijan)	Adjacent areas	Firearm and machine gun	–
12	14-15 September	At different times	Occupied areas near Kuropatkino village (Khojavand district, Azerbaijan), Merzili and Javahirli villages (Aghdam district, Azerbaijan) and unnamed heights (Fizuli and Goranboy districts, Azerbaijan)	Adjacent areas	Firearm and machine gun	–

No.	Date	Time	Fire point/area	Direction	Weapons used	Casualties and damages
13	16-17 September	At different times	The areas near Berkaber village (Ijevan district, Armenia), Voskevan village (Noyemberyan district, Armenia) and occupied areas near Shykhlar village (Aghdam district, Azerbaijan)	Adjacent areas	Firearm and machine gun	–
14	17-18 September	At different times	The area near Berkaber village (Ijevan district, Armenia)	Adjacent areas	Firearm and machine gun	–
15	18-19 September	At different times	The area near Voskevan village (Noyemberyan district, Armenia), occupied areas near Kuropatkino village (Khojavand district, Azerbaijan), Merzili and Shykhlar villages (Aghdam district, Azerbaijan) and unnamed heights (Dashkesen and Goranboy districts, Azerbaijan)	Adjacent areas	Firearm and machine gun	–
16	20-21 September	At different times	The area near Berkaber village (Ijevan district, Armenia), unnamed heights (Krasnoselsk district, Armenia), occupied areas near Kuropatkino village (Khojavand district, Azerbaijan), Shykhlar, Javahirli and Shurabad villages (Aghdam district, Azerbaijan) and unnamed heights (Goranboy district, Azerbaijan)	Adjacent areas	Firearm and machine gun	–
17	21-22 September	At different times	The areas near Vozashen village (Ijevan district, Armenia), Mosesgerkh village (Berd district, Armenia), occupied areas near Kuropatkino village (Khojavand district, Azerbaijan), Merzili and Garagashly villages (Aghdam district, Azerbaijan) and Ashaghy Seyidahmedli village (Fizuli district, Azerbaijan)	Adjacent areas	Firearm and machine gun	–
18	23-24 September	At different times	Unnamed heights (Berd district, Armenia), Voskevan village (Noyemberyan district, Armenia), occupied areas near Shykhlar village (Aghdam district, Azerbaijan), Kuropatkino village (Khojavand district, Azerbaijan), Tapgaragoyunlu village (Goranboy district, Azerbaijan) and unnamed heights (Fizuli district, Azerbaijan)	Adjacent areas	Firearm and machine gun	–
19	24-25 September	At different times	The area near Berkaber village (Ijevan district, Armenia), occupied areas near Merzili village (Aghdam district, Azerbaijan) and Ashaghy Abdulrahmanly, Ashaghy Seyidahmedli and Horadiz villages (Fizuli district, Azerbaijan)	Adjacent areas	Firearm and machine gun	–

No.	*Date*	*Time*	*Fire point area*	*Direction*	*Weapons used*	*Casualties and damages*
20	25-26 September	At different times	Occupied areas near unnamed heights (Khojavand district, Azerbaijan), Merzili and Bash Garvand villages (Aghdam district, Azerbaijan) and Tapgaragoyunlu village (Goranboy district, Azerbaijan)	Adjacent areas	Firearm and machine gun	–
21	26-27 September	At different times	The area near Gigarkh village (Berd district, Armenia), Barekamavan and Voskevan villages (Noyemberyan district, Armenia), occupied areas near unnamed heights (Khojavand and Goranboy districts, Azerbaijan), Yusifjanly and Shykhlar villages (Aghdam district, Azerbaijan) and Ashaghy Abdulrahmanly and Horadiz villages (Fizuli district, Azerbaijan)	Adjacent areas	Firearm and machine gun	–
22	27-28 September	At different times	Occupied areas near Tapgaragoyunlu village (Goranboy district, Azerbaijan), Gorgan village (Fizuli district, Azerbaijan) and unnamed heights (Khojavand district, Azerbaijan)	Adjacent areas	Firearm and machine gun	–
23	28-29 September	At different times	Occupied areas near Shurabad and Shykhlar villages (Aghdam district, Azerbaijan) and Ashaghy Seyidahmedli and Horadiz villages (Fizuli district, Azerbaijan)	Adjacent areas	Firearm and machine gun	–
24	30 September-1 October	At different times	Occupied areas near Ashaghy Seyidahmedli and Gorgan villages (Fizuli district, Azerbaijan) and unnamed heights (Khojavand district, Azerbaijan)	Adjacent areas	Firearm and machine gun	–
25	1-13 October	–	Armed forces of Armenia conducted large-scale military exercises in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan	–	Artillery, armoured units, as well as firearm and machine gun	–
26	1-2 October	Evening and night hours	The area near Berkaber village (Ijevan district, Armenia), occupied areas near Shykhlar village (Aghdam district, Azerbaijan) and unnamed heights (Geranboy district, Azerbaijan)	Adjacent areas	Firearm and machine gun	–
27	2-3 October	At different times	Occupied areas near Tapgaragoyunlu village (Goranboy district, Azerbaijan) and unnamed heights (Khojavand district, Azerbaijan)	Adjacent areas	Firearm and machine gun	–

No.	*Date*	*Time*	*Fire point area*	*Direction*	*Weapons used*	*Casualties and damages*
28	3-4 October	At different times	The area near Berkaber and Paravakar villages (Ijevan district, Armenia), occupied areas near Merzili and Javahirli villages (Aghdam district, Azerbaijan), Kuropatkino village (Khojavand district, Azerbaijan), Tapgaragoyunlu village (Goranboy district, Azerbaijan) and unnamed heights (Goygol district, Azerbaijan)	Adjacent areas	Firearm and machine gun	–
29	4-5 October	At different times	Occupied areas near Yusifjanly village (Aghdam district, Azerbaijan) and Kuropatkino village (Khojavand district, Azerbaijan)	Adjacent areas	Firearm and machine gun	–
30	5-6 October	At different times	Occupied areas near Shykhlar village (Aghdam district, Azerbaijan), Kuropatkino village (Khojavand district, Azerbaijan) and unnamed heights (Fizuli and Goranboy districts, Azerbaijan)	Adjacent areas	Firearm and machine gun	–
31	7-8 October	At different times	Occupied areas near Chayly village (Tar-Tar district, Azerbaijan), Kuropatkino village (Khojavand district, Azerbaijan) and Tapgaragoyunlu village and unnamed heights (Goranboy district, Azerbaijan)	Adjacent areas	Firearm and machine gun	–
32	8-9 October	At different times	Unnamed heights (Krasnoselsk district, Armenia), occupied areas near Merzili and Yusifjanly villages (Aghdam district, Azerbaijan), Chilyabert and Chayly villages (Tar-Tar district, Azerbaijan), Mehdili village (Jabrayil district, Azerbaijan) and Tapgaragoyunlu village and unnamed heights (Goranboy district, Azerbaijan)	Adjacent areas	Firearm and machine gun	–
33	9-10 October	At different times	Occupied areas near Garagashly village (Aghdam district, Azerbaijan) and unnamed heights (Fizuli and Dashkesen districts, Azerbaijan)	Adjacent areas	Firearm and machine gun	–
34	10-11 October	At different times	The area near Barekamavan village (Noyemberyan district, Armenia), Tapgaragoyunlu village (Goranboy district, Azerbaijan) and Chilyabert village (Tar-Tar district, Azerbaijan)	Adjacent areas	Firearm and machine gun	–

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35	11-12 October	At different times	The area near Voskevan village (Noyemberyan district, Armenia), occupied areas near Merzili, Yusifjanly, Garagashly and Saryjaly villages (Aghdam district, Azerbaijan), Goyarkh and Chayly villages (Tar-Tar district, Azerbaijan), Mehdili village (Jabrayil district, Azerbaijan), Gulustan village (Goranboy district, Azerbaijan), Kuropatkino village (Khojavand district, Azerbaijan) and Horadiz village (Fizuli district, Azerbaijan)	Adjacent areas	Firearm and machine gun	–
36	12-13 October	At different times	The area near Berkaber village (Ijevan district, Armenia), occupied areas near Shirvanly village (Aghdam district, Azerbaijan), Tapgaragoyunlu village (Goranboy district, Azerbaijan) and unnamed heights (Dashkesen district, Azerbaijan)	Adjacent areas	Firearm and machine gun	–
37	14-15 October	At different times	Berkaber village (Ijevan district, Armenia), unnamed heights (Krasnoselsk district, Armenia), occupied areas near Shykhlar village (Aghdam district, Azerbaijan), Tapgaragoyunlu village (Goranboy district, Azerbaijan), Kuropatkino village (Khojavand district, Azerbaijan) and Horadiz, Ashaghy Abdulrahmanly villages and unnamed heights (Fizuli district, Azerbaijan)	Adjacent areas	Firearm and machine gun	–
38	15 October	At different times	Occupied areas near Chayly village (Tar-Tar district, Azerbaijan) and Mehdili village (Jabrayil district, Azerbaijan)	Adjacent areas	Firearm and machine gun	–
39	16-17 October	At different times	Occupied areas near Kuropatkino village (Khojavand district, Azerbaijan), Goyarkh village (Tar-Tar district, Azerbaijan), Horadiz, Ashaghy Seyidahmedli and Gorgan villages (Fizuli district, Azerbaijan) and unnamed heights (Goygol district, Azerbaijan)	Adjacent areas	Firearm and machine gun	–
40	17-18 October	At different times	Occupied areas near Garagashly, Shykhlar and Saryjaly villages (Aghdam district, Azerbaijan), Tapgaragoyunlu village (Goranboy district, Azerbaijan), Ashaghy Seyidahmedli village (Fizuli district, Azerbaijan) and unnamed heights (Khojavand district, Azerbaijan)	Adjacent areas	Firearm and machine gun	–

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41	18-19 October	At different times	Unnamed heights (Ijevan district, Armenia), the area near Voskevan village (Noyemberyan district, Armenia), occupied areas near Shykhlar village (Aghdam district, Azerbaijan) and Ashaghy Veyselli village (Fizuli district, Azerbaijan)	Adjacent areas	Firearm and machine gun	–
42	19-20 October	At different times	Occupied areas near Horadiz, Ashaghy Seyidahmedli and Gorgan villages (Fizuli district, Azerbaijan) and unnamed heights (Khojavand district, Azerbaijan)	Adjacent areas	Firearm and machine gun	–
43	21-22 October	At different times	Occupied areas near Merzili and Yusifjanly villages (Aghdam district, Azerbaijan), Ashaghy Veyselli and Gorgan villages (Fizuli district, Azerbaijan), Kuropatkino village (Khojavand district, Azerbaijan) and unnamed heights (Goranboy district, Azerbaijan)	Adjacent areas	Firearm and machine gun	–
44	22-23 October	At different times	Occupied areas near unnamed heights (Aghdam and Fizuli districts, Azerbaijan)	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	–
45	23 October	–	Armed forces of Armenia conducted military exercises in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan	–	Artillery, armoured units, as well as firearm and machine gun	–
46	24 October	At different times	The area near Berkaber village (Ijevan district, Armenia), occupied areas near Kuropatkino village (Khojavand district, Azerbaijan) and unnamed heights and Gorgan village (Fizuli district, Azerbaijan)	Adjacent areas	Firearm and machine gun	–
47	26-27 October	At different times	Chinarli village (Berd district, Armenia), unnamed heights (Krasnoselsk district, Armenia), occupied areas near Javahirli and Shykhlar villages (Aghdam district, Azerbaijan), Tapgaragoyunlu village (Goranboy district, Azerbaijan), Mehdili village (Jabrayil district, Azerbaijan) and Horadiz village (Fizuli district, Azerbaijan)	Adjacent areas	Firearm and machine gun	–
48	28-29 October	At different times	Occupied areas near Javahirli and Shurabad villages (Aghdam district, Azerbaijan)	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	–

No.	*Date*	*Time*	*Fire point area*	*Direction*	*Weapons used*	*Casualties and damages*
49	29-30 October	Evening and night hours	Unnamed heights (Krasnoselsk district, Armenia), occupied areas near Kuropatkino village (Khojavand district, Azerbaijan), Saryjaly and Shurabad villages (Aghdam district, Azerbaijan), Tapgaragoyunlu village (Goranboy district, Azerbaijan), Garakhanbeyli village (Fizuli district, Azerbaijan) and Mehdili village (Jabrayil district, Azerbaijan)	Adjacent areas	Firearm and machine gun	–
50	30-31 October	Evening and night hours	Occupied areas near Tapgaragoyunlu village (Goranboy district, Azerbaijan), Chilyabert village (Tar-Tar district, Azerbaijan) and Garakhanbeyli and Ashaghy Abdulrahmanly villages (Fizuli district, Azerbaijan)	Adjacent areas	Firearm and machine gun	–
51	31 October	Evening hours	The area near Barekamavan village (Noyemberyan district, Armenia), occupied areas near Shykhlar village (Aghdam district, Azerbaijan) and Mehdili village (Jabrayil district, Azerbaijan)	Adjacent areas	Firearm and machine gun	–